

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MOGADI 01065 191142Z

46

ACTION SCS-03

INFO OCT-01 AF-05 ADP-00 SCA-01 PPT-02 L-03 H-03 SY-10

CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 /038 W  
----- 127393

R 191057Z JUL 73

FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1054

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1065

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS CASC SO (BUCKWALTER, ROBERT DALE)

SUBJ: EXPULSION OF MENNONITE MISSIONARY

1. SOMALIS HAVE EXPELLED ROBERT DALE BUCKWALTER, AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST WITH MENNONITE MISSION IN SOMALIA. ON JULY 16 BUCKWALTER AND FAMILY ORDERED BY POLICE TO PACK THEIR BELONGINGS AND TO COME TO MOGADISCIO FROM THEIR STATION AT MAHADDBY (NEAR GIOHAR). ON ARRIVAL IN MOGADISCIO BUCKWALTER INFORMED BY NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE (NSS) OFFICIAL THAT A "HIGH OFFICIAL" IN GIOHAR HAD SUBMITTED A REPORT ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES. CONTENTS OF REPORT NOT DISCLOSED. BUCKWALTER QUESTIONED IN GENERAL WAY ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES AT MAHADDBY AND TOLD TO REPORT FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING JULY 18 AND NOT TO LEAVE MOGADISCIO AREA.

2. AFTERNOON OF 17TH BUCKWALTER, WHO HAD INJURED EYE TWO WEEKS EARLIER, EXAMINED BY REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER DR. STUART SCHEER, WHO FOUND BUCKWALTER SUFFERING FROM SEVERE IRITIS OF LEFT EYE. SCHEER STATED THAT IF NOT TREATED BY EYE SURGEON BUCKWALTER COULD LOSE VISION AND HE RECOMMENDED THAT BUCKWALTER LEAVE MOGADISCIO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. MENNONITE REPRESENTATIVE REIMER INFORMED NSS OF SITUATION MORNING OF 18TH REQUESTING THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR BUCKWALTER TO TRAVEL TO NAIROBI FOR TREATMENT ON MORNING OF  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MOGADI 01065 191142Z

19TH. (EMBASSY ALSO NOTIFIED FONOFF AND REQUESTED THEIR ASSIS-

TANCE.) NSS STATED THAT BUCKWALTER MUST SEE SOMALI DOCTOR. WHEN REIMER EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN LOCATING QUALIFIED SOMALI DOCTOR AND SO INFORMED NSS, HE WAS TOLD THAT BUCKWALTER AND FAMILY SHOULD LEAVE ON 19TH AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN. NO ADDITIONAL REASON FOR EXPULSION GIVEN. BUCKWALTER FAMILY DEPARTED FOR NAIROBI WITHOUT INCIDENT MORNING OF 19TH AND HAS APPOINTMENT WITH EYE DOCTOR THERE JULY 19.

4.EMBOFF RAISED EXPULSION WITH ACTING DIRECTOR EURO-AMERICAN DEPARTMENT HASSAN KAID AFTERNOON OF 19TH; EMBOFF ASKED THAT WE BE INFORMED OF REASON FOR SUMMARY EXPULSION. HASSAN EXTREMELY APOLOGETIC AND STATED THAT FONOFF HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF INCIDENT PRIOR TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE PREVIOUS DAY. HE NOTED THAT NSS HAD ITS OWN METHOD OF OPERATION AND THAT FONOFF USUALLY FINDS OUT ABOUT AN INCIDENT WHEN IT "TOO LATE." HE PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO DO HIS BEST TO OBTAIN AN EXPLANATION OF REASON FOR EXPULSION AND STATED HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN.

5. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT US MENNONITE HQS TO TRANSMIT FACTS IN CASE.

6. COMMENT: WHILE NEITHER REIMER NOR BUCKWALTER KNOW REASON FOR EXPULSION, BOTH BELIEVE IT CONNECTED WITH DISPUTE EARLIER THIS YEAR OVER CONTROL OF LAND ROVER VEHICLE PROVIDED BY OXFAM FOR MENNONITE USE. LOCAL OFFICIALS HAD EARLIER THREATENED TO PROSECUTE BUCKWALTER FOR MISUSING SOMALI GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. WE DOUBT REASON FOR EXPULSION WILL BE DIVULGED, ESPECIALLY SINCE NSS DID NOT COMPLETE ITS INVESTIGATION. SINCE FONOFF HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL ON THIS CASE AND IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SPEED OF EXPULSION CONNECTED WITH HIS MEDICAL CONDITION (BOTH WE AND HASSAN FEARED THAT NSS MIGHT INSIST BUCKWALTER REMAIN IN SOMALIA FOR INESTIONING), BELIEVE IT BEST NOT TO MAKE MAJOR ISSUE OF EXPULSION. CROMWELL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** EXPULSION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 19 JUL 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** garlanwa  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973MOGADI01065  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS CROMWELL  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** MOGADISCIO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19730723/aaaaaqz.tel  
**Line Count:** 95  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ACTION SCS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** garlanwa  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 09 JAN 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <09-Jan-2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <28-Jan-2002 by garlanwa>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** EXPULSION OF MENNONITE MISSIONARY  
**TAGS:** PINS, CASC, SO, (BUCKWALTER, ROBERT DALE)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005